

PRIORITY SCHOOLS IN THE NEWS

Caverna High School "hyper-focused" on placing as much emphasis on career readiness as college readiness; principal cites partnerships with area tech center, industries - <http://www.ksba.org/protected/ArticleView.aspx?iid=6GB3YIB&dasi=3G32>

Students from **Doss High School, Fairdale High School, Fern Creek High School, Iroquois High School, Seneca High School, and Western High School** receive Vogt Achievement Scholarships - <http://www.courier-journal.com/story/education-blog/2015/03/19/jcps-students-awarded-vogt-achievement-scholarships/25034611/>



JCPS 2015 Vogt Scholars

Community college reps discuss postsecondary options with **Greenup County High School** students; programs help with college, career readiness - <http://www.ksba.org/protected/ArticleView.aspx?iid=6GB3PIY&dasi=3G32>

Students from **Fleming County High School, Lawrence County High School, Sheldon Clark High School, and Perry County Central High School** selected as part of Craft Academy's initial class at Morehead State University- http://www.moreheadstate.edu/News/2015/March/Craft_Academy_selects_initial_class/

ITEMS FROM SCHOOL NEWSLETTERS, WEBSITES, AND THE FIELD

Academy @ Shawnee

Congratulations to Brittany Linehan, Our "Unsung Hero!"

Brittany received recognition at the special Louisville Rotary Club luncheon held Thursday afternoon at the Galt House for her "Service above Self" achievements in the community.

Each year, the Rotary Club of Louisville is joined by other local Rotary clubs to honor one senior from each public, private, and Catholic high school for their school and community volunteer work.

Some examples of Brittany's altruism that contributed to her receiving this award include:

- *Red Cross Blanket Donations
- *Henryville Clean up
- *Paint the town
- *Babysitting special needs children after school and in the summers
- *Town Sweeping
- *Community toy drive
- *Ending world hunger event
- *Peer tutoring ECE kids



Brittany Linehan receiving her Unsung Hero award

Shawnee Students Attend "Mission Discovery" Camp at the KY Science Center

Shawnee students are learning about space exploration from actual astronauts and rocket scientists, and will possibly even get to send an experiment to the International Space Station. "Each team is going to design an experiment," said Michelle Ham, founder of Mission Discovery. "They're not going to build it, but they have to tell us about it - why it's important, how they would build it - and on the final day of Mission Discovery, we will select one experiment from this Mission Discovery event to launch to the International Space Station for data."

Gibson said he enjoyed answering the students' questions, which he called challenging and well thought out. "I am so very impressed that they're willing to give up their weekends when they could be watching basketball games and they could be playing video games and things like that, but they're not," Gibson said. "They're focusing on something like Mission Discovery that is an excellent learning opportunity, an excellent growth opportunity, and an excellent leadership opportunity for them. I am so impressed with these Louisville young people."

A spokeswoman for the science center says they plan on holding a launch party when the students' experiment launches, and they plan on hosting Mission Discovery again next year.



Shawnee students, staff, and mentors with astronaut "Hoot" Gibson (center)

Fern Creek High School

Congratulations to Coach James Schooler, who was named the Louisville Education Employment Partnership (LEEP) mentor of the year on April 1. Mr. Schooler has served as a mentor to five LEEP students for the past two years since he became basketball coach at Fern Creek.



James School with Louisville mayor Greg Fischer



L to R: Ms. Grumblatt, FCHS senior Nigel Rodgers, Coach James Schooler, & Dr. Meyer

Fern Creek Student Places Second in WKU Mark of Excellence Competition

Congratulations to junior Savannah Smith for placing second in the News Writing Category of the WKU Mark of Excellence competition. She placed higher than dozens of other high school journalists from around the state, most of them seniors.

Savannah won the award after submitting three news stories she had written this year for the school newspaper. One article was about the relaxed dress code policy, another was about Javaughntay Burrough's scholarship to KSU, and the final story was about the award won by English Teacher Brent Peters.

Fern Creek Student Named a Centre College Grissom Scholar

Senior Mariama Minteh has been named a Centre College Grissom Scholar. This program provides Mariama with a full scholarship, a personal mentor, a yearly stipend, and access to many international opportunities. Available to first-year applicants for enrollment in the fall of 2015, the Grissom Scholars Program offers ten high-achieving first-generation college students a full-tuition scholarship and \$5,000 in educational enrichment funds.



Mariama Minteh

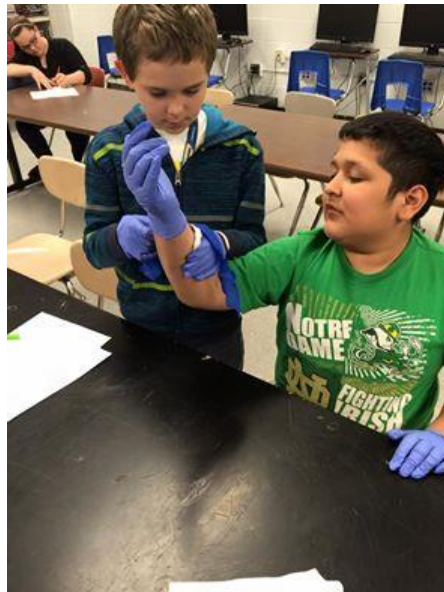
Fleming County High School

Mrs. Snedegar's English 10 students had a great time dressing as literary characters. Sloan Hummel (dressed as King Macbeth) is pictured with Mrs. Moore.



Knight Middle School

Students are learning about First Aid and Safety in Ms. Witt's health class. Students learned how to correctly apply bandages and remove gloves without spreading pathogens.



Lawrence County High School

LCHS FFA students visited Lawrence County Middle School to speak with 8th graders - celebrating FFA and recruiting future members.



Lee County High School

Student Earns Perfect Score at Team State Chess Tournament

Congratulations to Bryan Combs for winning all four of his matches at the Kentucky State Scholastic Team Tournament that was held at the UK Student Center on March 14. Bryan was one of only three students in the K-12 division of the tournament with a perfect score and was ranked third out of eighty-two players.



Bryan Combs

Student Places Second at STLP State Competition

Congratulations to Katherine Ackerman who recently placed second in the "Geek Squad Ready" Competition at the state STLP Conference. The competition was held at Rupp Arena and the Lexington Convention Center on March 26. As part of the competition, Katherine had to complete a website about a woman in history, provide a resume and letters of recommendation, and complete an interview. Over 360 schools and 94 districts attended the event.



Katherine Ackerman

FBLA Region 6 Conference

The following LCHS students placed at the FBLA Region 6 Conference on Friday March 13, 2014.

- Kayla Combs was elected Region 6 Reporter
- Samantha Estes - Highest Score on Written Parliamentary Procedure Test
- Dakota Ross and Tristan Frye - 1st Place, Computer Game Simulation
- Dakota Ross, Samantha Estes, Bethany Kirby, Tristan Frye, and Jacob Fultz - 1st Place, Parliamentary Procedure
- Hannah Ingram and Kayla Combs - 1st Place, Chapter Scrapbook
- Kayla Combs and Khris Snowden - 2nd Place, Desktop Publishing
- Abby Hollon and Sydney Chadwell - 2nd Place, E-Business
- Kayla Combs - 3rd Place, Chapter Newsletter
- Morgan Phillips - 2nd Place, Introduction to Parliamentary Procedure
- Elijah Ratliff - 2nd Place, Networking Concepts
- Lyndsey Overbee - 2nd Place, Talent Show, Most Talented

- Hannah Ingram - 3rd Place, Talent Show, Most Entertaining



FBLA members

Metcalfe County High School

History Quiz Bowl

Metcalfe County High School hosted a History Quiz Bowl Competition on March 25 in the Metcalfe County High School Library. The competition was put on by U.S. History teacher Jim Hook and moderated by Curriculum Coach Josh Hurt.

The event consisted of a team of students against a team of teachers. The student team was comprised of Harmony Walter, Madison Pierce, E.J. Keen, Kacey Ritter, and Logan Shaw. They lost a tightly contested match to the teacher team comprised of Bryant Stockton, Whitney Jones, Jenni Owen, and Scott Roach. The MVP of the competition was English teacher Bryant Stockton.



MCHS History Quiz Bowl

Diesel Technology Tour

On March 17, eight MCHS students and twenty-one MCMS students traveled to Somerset Community and Technical College (SCC) for a specialized tour focused on Diesel Technology. The students represented multiple grade levels (8th -12th) and completed an application to attend this trip, which was funded by the KY AHED grant. The students' first stop at the main campus was for a general tour of several program areas, including nursing, industrial technology, and engineering. Admissions representative Holly Bowers gave the tour and explained the application process, the many program areas, and financial aid.

The next stop was across the road to SCC's South Campus where specific programs such as Automotive Technology, Aviation Maintenance, Diesel Technology, Industrial Maintenance, and Welding are housed. Students were given presentations by several program advisors from each area and allowed to ask questions and see all the aspects of each program.

Metcalf County Marching Band Honored at Board Meeting

Members (left to right): Landon Bryant, Austin Nunn, Taylor Brown, Henry Crenshaw, Aelee Baker, JT Bryant, Shianna Livers, Katelyn Bailey, Hunter Reece, Kati Stone, Connor Firkins, Kacey Ritter, Tesela Davis, Patrick Warf.

Not Pictured: Becka Edwards, Brette Eddy, Ashley Arnold, Tim Munrow, Jacklin Carter, Nate Eddy, Miles Johnson, EJ Keen, Madison Murley, Josh Petrey, Gabe Newby, Lucas Anderson, Anya Anderson, Autumn Jessie, Elizabeth Fancher, Peyton Miller, Kenna Kencaid

Accomplishments:

- Highest Finish in Metcalfe County Marching Band History at KMEA State Competition (Class A: 15th)
- 2nd Time in Metcalfe County Marching Band History to qualify for the KMEA State Competition (2011, 2014)
- Highest KMEA Score in Metcalfe County Marching Band History (76.25; 2014 Regional Competition)
- 1st Place in Class A @ Barren County High School Competition
- 1st Place in Class A @ Louisville Male High School Competition
- 2nd Place in Class A @ Taylor County High School Competition
- Best Percussion in Class A @ Taylor County High School Competition



Olmsted Academy North

Olmsted Teachers in the Spotlight

We are very pleased to announce that Mr. Gordon Crawford has been named Middle School Teacher of the Year by River City Drum Corps. This award is given to the teacher that demonstrates the ability to honor diversity and culture of young people.

Also, Ms. Alicia Bowens has been awarded the Breaking Barriers Spotlight Teachers Award. This award is given to students and teachers in Jefferson County who have demonstrated an outstanding ability within their craft.

Perry County Central High School

PCC Academic Team

On March 15 Perry Central Junior Jacob Fugate competed in the Kentucky's Governor's Cup. The Governor's Cup is the state competition for academic teams where students who qualify compete in Quick Recall, Written Assessment, and Future Problem Solving. Jacob qualified as one of only 87 high school students in the science written assessment. Congratulations to Jacob for earning this honor. The PCC Academic Team did a wonderful job this year and received numerous medals. We would also like to recognize Mrs. Sluss for being a wonderful academic team coach. She and the academic team spent many Saturdays participating in competitions and many days practicing after school.

Pulaski County High School

Ag Literacy Week

Students in Agriculture Communications celebrated Ag Literacy week and traveled to Pulaski Elementary School to share books about agriculture with kindergarten and first grade classrooms. Ag Literacy week focuses on educating children and adults about agriculture and agricultural processes - where their food,

fibers, and shelter comes from. AgCom students read books to the children and taught a mini lesson through demonstration or lab activity. Book topics included livestock and horticulture topics. Some activities included "chicken in a cup," egg carton greenhouses, and milking a cow.

Western High School

Congratulations to Nikkia Rhodes for winning 2015 LEEP Student of the Year!



Western Middle School

KUNA Conference

Western Middle School had a successful run at the YMCA's Kentucky United Nations Assembly (KUNA) Conference at the Galt House. Our delegation represented the country of Jordan. The title of the resolution debated was "Allocate 5% of the UN financing of refugees in Jordan to the Pre-Crisis Development Infrastructure Maintenance."

Students had an amazing opportunity to practice diplomacy and public speaking. Western was one of the top 10 performing schools. The resolution passed in front of a crowd of 150 people. The students also performed a cultural dance for an audience of 900 people. Awards received were Best New Delegation, Delegation of Excellence, Outstanding Ambassador, and Passed in Summit.



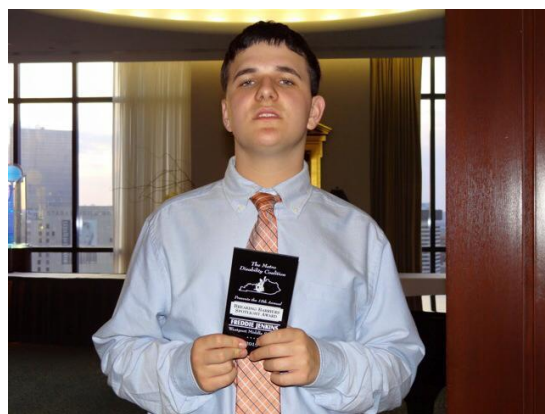
Western Middle School KUNA delegation

Westport Middle School

A WMS teacher, Joni Jackman, as well as a WMS student, Freddie Jenkins, both received 2015 Breaking Barriers Spotlight Student Awards. The Breaking Barriers Spotlight Awards ceremony recognizes this year's outstanding students and teachers from Jefferson County elementary, middle and high schools. These awards are presented by The Metro Disability Coalition.



Joni Jackman



Freddie Jenkins